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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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Clements, Mark Fleydervish, Richard H. Ducato, and
Eustathios Vassiliou

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EXAMINER OF APPLICATION:

Rodriguez, Ruth C.

FOR: Fasteners with Ergonomic Removal to Insertion
Force Ratio

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action dated 02-09-2006, reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is requested.

In summary, it is considered that each issue raised in the outstanding Office Action has been directly answered, and reconsideration is respectfully requested. All claims of the present application are considered to be in condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted

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